

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1 to 12 as follows. Note that all claims currently pending in this application are reproduced below.

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1. (Currently Amended) An image ~~capture apparatus which records~~
image data of captured image on a recording medium reproducing device comprising:
a reproducing unit adapted to reproduce the image data captured from the a
recording medium;
an embedding unit adapted to embed specific information into the image
data using a digital watermarking technique;
an outputting unit adapted to output the image data including the specific
information or the image data not including the specific information to the outside; and
a selecting unit adapted to select ~~whether the specific information is~~
~~embedded into the image data or not~~ a first process or a second process in accordance with
user's instruction,
wherein, when the first process is selected, the embedding unit embeds the
specific information into the image data and the outputting unit outputs the image data
including the specific information to the outside, and
wherein, when the second process is selected, the embedding unit does not
embed the specific information into the image data and an outputting unit outputs the
image data not including the specific information to the outside.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~An apparatus device~~ according to claim 1,
wherein the embedding unit is adapted to embed the specific information into the
decompressed image data, ~~without decompressing the image data~~.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~An apparatus device~~ according to claim 1,
wherein the reproducing unit is adapted to reproduce the specific information from the
recording medium ~~recording the image data~~.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~An apparatus device~~ according to claim 1,
wherein the reproducing unit adapted to reproduce the specific information from another
recording medium.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~An image reproducing method~~ for an image
capture apparatus which records image data of captured image on a recording medium, the
method comprising the steps of:

reproducing the image data captured from the a recording medium;
embedding specific information into the image data using a digital
watermarking technique;
outputting the image data including the specific information or the image
data not including the specific information to the outside; and
selecting ~~whether the specific information is embedded into the image data~~
or not a first process or a second process in accordance with user's instruction,

wherein, when the first process is selected, the embedding step embeds the specific information into the image data and the outputting step outputs the image data including the specific information to the outside, and

wherein, when the second process is selected, the embedding step does not embed the specific information into the image data and an outputting step outputs the image data not including the specific information to the outside.

6. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 5, wherein the embedding step is a step of embedding the specific information into the decompressed image data, ~~without decompressing the image data.~~

7. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 5, ~~wherein the reproducing step is further comprising~~ a step of reproducing the specific information from the recording medium ~~recording the image data.~~

8. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 5, ~~wherein the reproducing step is further comprising~~ a step of reproducing the specific information from another recording medium.

9. (Currently Amended) A storage medium storing a program for an image capture apparatus which records image data of captured image on a recording medium, the program performing ~~executing an image reproducing method, the image reproducing method, comprising the steps of:~~[:]

~~reproducing the image data captured from the a recording medium;~~
embedding specific information into the image data using a digital
watermarking technique; and

selecting whether the specific information is embedded into the image data
or not a first process or a second process in accordance with user's instruction,

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wherein, when the first process is selected, the embedding step embeds the
specific information into the image data and the outputting step outputs the image data
including the specific information to the outside, and

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wherein, when the second process is selected, the embedding step does not
embed the specific information into the image data and an outputting step outputs the
image data not including the specific information to the outside.

10. (Currently Amended) A storage medium according to claim 9,
wherein the embedding step is a step of embedding the specific information into the
decompressed image data, ~~without decompressing the image data.~~

11. (Currently Amended) A storage medium according to claim 9,
wherein the program further comprises ~~the reproducing step is~~ a step of reproducing the
specific information from the recording medium ~~that recorded the image data.~~

12. (Currently Amended) A storage medium according to claim 9,
wherein the program further comprises ~~the reproducing step is~~ a step of reproducing the
specific information from another recording medium.